

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet having a face portion on which a lottery ball can roll and a plurality of lottery holes provided on the face portion;

game result determination means for determining a game result under a condition that the lottery ball enters any one of the plurality of lottery holes of the cabinet;

a withdrawing passage being provided in the cabinet, the withdrawing passage being capable of allowing lottery balls having been discharged to pass through;

lottery ball throwing means for allowing the lottery balls having been discharged from the plurality of lottery holes through the withdrawing passage to be thrown onto the face portion of the cabinet; and

tilt control means for tilting the cabinet,

wherein the cabinet is tilted by the tilt control means such that lottery balls having been located in the withdrawing passage are directed out to the lottery ball throwing means.

2. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 1,

wherein the lottery ball throwing means comprises:

feeding means for feeding lottery balls upward; and

throw-in means for throwing the lottery balls having been fed by the feeding means downward onto the face portion,

wherein the cabinet is tilted by the tilt control means such that the lottery balls located in the withdrawing passage are directed out to the feeding means,

3. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 2,
wherein the feeding means is disposed outside the cabinet, the feeding means having a function to feed the lottery balls as being visible from the outside.

4. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 2 ~~or 3~~, further comprising:

detecting means for detecting a number of the lottery balls having been directed out from the withdrawing passage to the lottery ball throwing means;

wherein the tilt control means has a function to stop tilting the cabinet, under a condition that the detecting means detects that the number of the lottery balls having been directed out, as the cabinet is tilted, from the withdrawing passage to the lottery ball throwing means is a predetermined number.

5. (Original) A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet having a face portion on which a lottery ball rolls, and a plurality of lottery holes being provided on the face portion;

game result determination means for determining a game result on a basis of any one of a plurality of lottery holes receiving a lottery ball under a condition that the lottery ball enters said any one of the plural lottery holes;

lottery ball discharging means for discharging outside lottery balls having entered a plurality of respective lottery holes;

a withdrawing passage being fixed to the cabinet, the withdrawing passage allowing the lottery balls having been discharged by the lottery ball discharging means to pass through;

lottery ball accumulating means for accumulating the lottery balls having been discharged by the lottery ball discharging means through the withdrawing passage, the lottery ball accumulating means communicating with the withdrawing passage;

an open/close gate being provided between the withdrawing passage and the lottery ball accumulating means such that the open/close gate is opened/closed;

gate control means for controlling the open/close operation of the open/close gate;

lottery ball throwing means for throwing each of the lottery balls having been accumulated by the lottery ball accumulating means onto the face portion of the cabinet; and

tilt control means for tilting the cabinet,

wherein the cabinet is tilted by the tilt control means such that the open/close gate is positioned on a lower side of the withdrawing passage, and the open/close gate is opened by the gate control means so that lottery balls located in the withdrawing passage are directed out to the lottery ball accumulating means.

6. (Original) The gaming machine according to claim 4, further comprising:

passage detecting means for detecting a number of lottery balls passing through the open/close gate,

wherein the gate control means has a control function to close the open/close gate if a number of lottery balls having passed through the open/close gate reaches a predetermined number from when the open/close gate is opened.

7. (Currently Amended) The gaming machine according to claim 4 ~~or 5~~, wherein the cabinet is designed in a ship-shape.

8. (Original) A program for a gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet having a face portion on which a lottery ball rolls and a plurality of lottery holes provided on the face portion;

lottery balls discharging means for discharging lottery balls having entered the plurality of respective lottery holes;

lottery ball accumulating means for accumulating lottery balls through a withdrawing passage being fixed to the cabinet, the withdrawing passage being capable of allowing the lottery balls having been discharged by the lottery ball discharging means to pass through;

lottery ball throwing means for throwing the lottery balls having been accumulated by the lottery ball accumulating means onto the face portion of the cabinet; and

an open/close gate being provided between the withdrawing passage and the lottery ball accumulating means as being freely opened or closed,

wherein the program executes:

a game result determination step of determining a game result on a basis of any one of the plurality of lottery holes receiving a lottery ball under a condition that the lottery ball enters any one of the plurality of lottery holes;

a lottery ball discharging step of controlling the lottery ball discharging means to discharge the lottery balls having entered the plurality of respective lottery holes;

a tilt control step of controlling tilting of the cabinet so that the open/close gate is positioned at a lower side of the withdrawing passage; and

a gate control step for controlling an open/close gate operation of the open/close gate,

wherein the cabinet is tilted such that the open/close gate is positioned on a lower side of the withdrawing passage in the tilt control step, and the open/close gate is opened in the gate control step such that the lottery balls located in the withdrawing passage are directed out to the lottery ball accumulating means.

9. (New) A gaming machine comprising:

a cabinet having a face portion on which lottery balls can roll and a plurality of lottery holes provided on the face portion;

a controller for determining a game result under a condition that at least one of the lottery balls enters any one of the plurality of lottery holes of the cabinet;

a withdrawing passage being provided in the cabinet, the withdrawing passage being capable of allowing the lottery balls having been discharged to pass through;

a gate being provided to the cabinet, the gate allowing the lottery balls having been discharged from the plurality of lottery holes through the withdrawing passage to be thrown onto the face portion of the cabinet; and

a swinging device for tilting the cabinet as the lottery balls roll over the face portion, wherein the cabinet is tilted such that lottery balls having been located in the withdrawing passage are directed out to the gate.

10. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 9 comprising:

a screw conveyor for feeding the lottery balls upward; and

a slope for guiding the lottery balls from a lottery ball receiving portion to the face portion, the guided lottery balls rolling on the face portion until the guided lottery balls enter any of the plurality of lottery holes,

wherein the cabinet is tilted by the swinging device such that the lottery balls located in the withdrawing passage are directed out to the screw conveyor.

11. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 10,

wherein the screw conveyor is disposed outside the cabinet, the screw conveyor having a function to feed the lottery balls as being visible from the outside.

12. (New) The gaming machine according to claim 11, further comprising:

a sensor for detecting a number of the lottery balls having been directed out from the withdrawing passage to the gate,

wherein the swinging device has a function to stop tilting the cabinet, under a condition that the sensor detects that a predetermined number of lottery balls have been directed out, as the cabinet is tilted, from the withdrawing passage to the gate is a predetermined number.